

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING

By: Richard Harrison

Congratulations to Twisting for reducing spools of bad work. You achieved your objective to reduce spools to less than 700 spools/day in 1991. This is outstanding and everyone is to be commended.

Our type 4200 yarn will be produced without tint. This production will be made on the second floor. Mixing of this yarn will cause serious problems.

Overhauling projects will continue on the fourth and fifth floors to improve our equipment.

Production requirements will be 140,000 pounds per day. This needs to be made every day. Waste must be reduced to .46%.

Much of our success is related to teamwork and involvement. I encourage everyone to become involved with the housekeeping and safety teams. All shifts have active teams. I understand the second shift team purchased T-shirts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WEAVING

By: Mike Roland

Sulzer still continues to set a pace for Weaving in efficiency.

After we return from the holidays the Draper air jets will be put in full production. We are adding two additional looms for a total of 19 looms for Industrial Fabrics in the West End.

The Draper area will be receiving a new break area. When you see Mr. Anand, thank him for approving this expense for us. The Draper Housekeeping and Safety team will be responsible for decorating the break area.

Splicing will be getting three additional tables for air splicing. Our requirements for air spliced yarn is greater than in the past.

Splicing tails continue to be a problem. Please be aware at all times not to let the waste get in our yarn. Continue the good work and think about what we send our customer.

Have a nice Holiday!

QUALITY ASSURANCE/TECHNICAL

By: Dave Lewis

As we end this year let's look back at where we have come in the last year in the terms of quality.

First there can be no doubt that our customers have all increased their quality standards throughout the year. They are reacting to their customers who have adjusted their quality standards upwards. That is because you, the final customers, have also adjusted your standards and you demand higher quality today than ever before. At the same time you, and of course me too, are not willing to pay more for that higher quality we demand. So this year our customers asked us to deliver a better quality fabric at a lower price. And you know what? We did!!

Oh yes, we had our quality problems this year but we solved many of them and continue to work on the rest. You will be asked to do better next year than you did last year. The tire plants are going to more and more automated equipment, their answer to higher quality at lower cost, and so they really need more uniform fabric because the machines can't look the fabric and decide if it's okay to use. The fabric must be in spec and okay to use every time. So, keep up the good work, continue to improve the quality of your product, and remember the TQC motto.

What can I do today to make my production quality better?

WEST END COMMENTS

By: Jeff Heavner

Twenty Drapers have been aligned, and levelled. The results are promising. We have rebuilt one takeup on loom 1358, and some of the flooring. All the looms should be aligned and levelled by March. The Maintenance and Weaving Departments are to be congratulated for their commitment.

The West End was recognized by Reeves Brothers for its efforts in improving fabric quality. Looms 15 and 16 are here awaiting installation. Two additional looms are being ordered for March, 1992 delivery.

Because of new business, the new looms are already "Sold Out".